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--2. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 1, wherein the rigid, planar member is constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of metal alloys, woods, polymeric compositions, and combinations thereof.--;

--3. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 2, wherein the supporting cross member comprises a horizontal cross members of the chair.--;

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--6. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 5, wherein the notched support comprises a plurality of aligned notches suitable for removably attaching the rigid, planar member to the supporting cross member of the chair.--;

--7. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 6, further comprising locking means suitable for removably attaching the notched support to the supporting cross member for maintaining the position of the planar member on the chair.--;

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--10. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 9, wherein a handle is attached to the planar member.--;

--11. (Once Amended) A safety shield, comprising: a) a vertically positioned, rigid, planar member having first and second surfaces, top and bottom sides, and left and right ends; b) at least one adjustable, notched supports attached to the second surface of the planar member for vertical adjustment thereof, the notched support adapted for receiving locking means, and wherein the notched support is adapted for removable attachment to a horizontally positioned supporting cross member of a restraint chair; c) a supporting cross member; d) clamping means, attached to a horizontally positioned supporting cross member of the chair, wherein the clamping means proximally abuts the notched support, the clamping means adapted for receiving locking means; and d) locking means suitable for connecting the notched support and the clamping means so as to hold the planar member in a fixed position, wherein the safety shield is suitable for protecting laboratory personnel from injury when working with non-human primates.--;

--12. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 11, wherein the rigid, planar member is fabricated from a material selected from the group consisting of metals, wood, polymeric compositions, and combinations thereof.--;

a³ --13. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 12, wherein the notched support, comprise two vertically attached members positioned proximal close to the left and right ends of the planar member, each member having an equal number of aligned notches thereon adapted to removably attach onto the supporting cross member, wherein a hole through the notched support is proximally close to each notch, the hole suitable for accepting the locking means.--;

--14. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 13, wherein the clamping means comprise two rectangular brackets attached to the supporting cross member, wherein each bracket has a hole therein that aligns with the holes of the notched supports, and wherein the brackets are positioned at a distance of about the width of the shield.--;

--15. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 14, wherein the locking means, comprise an elongated rod having first and second ends, wherein a handle is attached on the first end, and wherein the rod is suitable for removably positioning into the holes of the rectangular brackets and notched supports.--;

a⁴ --17. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 16, wherein the vertical rigid, planar member has a horizontal, rigid, planar member attached thereto, wherein the length of the horizontal planar member extends the length of the vertical rigid, planar member, and the width of the horizontal planar member is proximal to the width of the notched supports.--; and

as --19. (Once Amended) The shield according to Claim 21, wherein a handle is attached to the first side thereof.--

Insert new Claim 21, as follows:

ab --21. (New) A safety shield, adapted for fitting onto a restraint chair, comprising:
a) a vertically positioned, rigid planar member having first and second surfaces, top and bottom sides, and left and right ends; b) two vertically aligned, adjustable notched supports attached proximal to the left and right ends of the second surface of the vertically positioned, planar member, each support comprising a plurality of vertically aligned notches, each notched support having an equal number of aligned notches thereon and a hole proximate to each notch for receiving locking means; c) a supporting cross member attached to the chair for supporting the shield, wherein the notches of the notched support removably attach to cross member; d) two rectangular brackets attached to the supporting cross member, wherein each bracket has a hole therein that aligns with the holes of the notched supports, wherein the brackets are positioned at a distance proximal to the width of the vertical, planar member, and wherein the holes of the brackets are adapted for receiving locking means; e) locking means, comprise an elongated rod having first and second ends, wherein a handle is attached on the first end suitable for removably fitting through the holes of the notched supports and brackets to hold the shield in a fixed position on the cross member; and f) a horizontal, rigid, planar member attached to the vertical, rigid, planar member, wherein the length of the horizontal planar member extends from the left end to the right end of the vertical, planar member, wherein the width of the horizontal, planar member is proximal to the width of the vertical, planar member, wherein the shield is suitable for protecting laboratory personnel from injury when working with non-human primates.--